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RE: OPPOSE HB 06816

I am submitting written testimony to strongly oppose HB06816. I am a resident of Newtown and have lived here for the past 23 years. Three of my four children were in Newtown Schools on December 14, 2012. I had never been a gun proponent leading up to the day of that tragedy, but after it occurred, I suddenly felt unprotected in my home or out with my family. The next day I went to find out what I needed to do in order to obtain a gun permit.

I found out the following.

- You must be at least twenty-one years old.
- You must be fingerprinted and have a criminal background check completed.
- You must not be an illegal resident of the United States.
- You must reside or have a business around the local area you are applying for the concealed pistol permit.
- You must be willing to use the firearm for only legal purposes.
- You must meet the background check requirement to receive a CCW permit.
- You must complete an 8-hour firearm safety class including live fire by a certified instructor.
- You must not be a convict for a felony.
- You must not be a user of drugs or controlled substances.
- You must not be a fugitive or have an arrest warrant in your name.
- You must not be guilty of a third-degree assault or reckless endangerment.
- You must not be guilty of any case of stalking.
- You must not be a victim of riot or unlawful restraint in the past.
- You must not have any diagnosis of mental illness.
- You must not have a legal restraining order from a judge due to threatening or use of physical force towards anybody.
- You must not violate other federal government concealed carry permit requirements.

So, in other words you must be an upstanding law abiding citizen in order to obtain your permit.

All of these newly proposed laws do nothing more than infringe upon the rights of the law abiding citizens of Connecticut.

I strongly OPPOSE HB06816

Respectfully submitted,

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